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Helena, Montana, December 17, 1912.

To the Honorable Edwin L. Norris, Governor,

and

To the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana;

Gentlemen:—

Report has heretofore been made to the Legislative Assembly respecting the progress in the construction of the additions to the Capitol, and also relative to the interior alterations made in the old building; and the work now being finished, it is not thought advisable at this time to submit more than a brief summary of the work and expenditures. The first report was made at the Special Session of the Eleventh Legislative Assembly, December, 1909, and the second was put forth at the regular session of the Twelfth Legislative Assembly. The first of such reports dealt more particularly with the building stone controversy, and the second reviewed all the work and expenditures to January 2nd, 1911.

The additions are now completed, decorated and furnished, and all the necessary alterations of the old structure made; and careful examination of the same is invited by all who may be interested. The work now shows for itself and by it credit or discredit must be reflected upon those having immediate charge thereof. The work complete is delivered to the State of Montana, and an examination of it constitutes a more effective and lasting report concerning the work of this Board than any which might now be reduced to writing. However, to the end that the results accomplished may be fully understood and appreciated, a detailed statement of expenditures is incorporated herein. Having in mind the funds available and that which was expended in the accomplishment of the work, those having occasion to examine the same will have a better understanding of the value received by the State.

By Chapter 63, Laws of 1909, provision was made for the

issuance and sale of bonds amounting to the sum of \$500,000, the money so raised to be used in the erection and furnishing of the additions to the Capitol. This law was amended at the Special Session on December 27th, 1909, by Senate Bill No. 1, authorizing the issuance of additional bonds to the extent of \$150,000 so as to permit of the use of granite in the construction work. Thus the total amount available for the erection, decorating and furnishing of the additions, the restaurant building and for the changes in the old building, was the sum of \$650,000.00. All contracts were most carefully considered by this Board before the same were let, and in each instance, it is believed, that full value was received at minimum expenditure. This Board has conserved the money provided for the work, and it is pleased to report that it has finished its undertaking without deficiency. Out of the funds provided, effective and costly interior re-arrangement of the old building has been made, a separate restaurant building has been constructed, equipped and furnished; and the additions have been completed, furnished, decorated and mural paintings put in place. It is believed that the construction work of the additions is not equaled by any building in the northwest, the exterior being of suitable architectural design with granite surface. The additions are fire proof, except as to the small amount of wood work necessary to be used in finishing. All the walls are twenty-four inches thick, and all the floors are re-inforced concrete from six to ten inches thick. The wood work consists of solid mahogany and quarter-sawed oak, and where wood flooring is used the same is made of maple or oak laid on cement. All of the marble used on the floors, in the columns and as wainscotting, is solid and genuine, and the best quality obtainable from the Vermont quarries. The mural paintings are rich and all appear to harmonize. The furniture, rugs, carpets, and draperies are of the very best quality, and in almost every instance seem to be suitable for the rooms in which the same is placed.

The design, plans and specifications for these additions and for the interior alterations in the old building, were prepared by Architects F. M. Andrews & Co., of New York City, and Link & Haire, of this city, were selected as associate architects to look after the details of construction.

The excavation for the foundations for the additions were made under contract by Adami Bros., of this city, and the

concrete foundations for the additions were constructed under contract with Louis Johnson, of this city. The general contractor for the construction of the additions was Gagnon & Co., of Billings, Montana, and this work was done under the supervision of Frank Hebb, as superintendent, representing the contractor. The cut granite was provided by T. Kain & Sons, of Helena, under special contract. All these contracts have been satisfactorily executed, and special credit is due to the general contractor and the stone contractor for the character of the work.

The decorations in the additions were made by The Hennessy Company, of Butte, Montana, and that company also provided all the furniture, carpets and draperies. All of this work was done by the Hennessy Company under contracts, which have been executed satisfactorily, and in view of the excellent character of such furnishings it is not thought any profit could have been made by that company.

The principal and most expensive mural painting contracted for and placed in the additions was that executed by Charles Russell, "the Cowboy Artist," of Great Falls, Montana. This picture represents the Lewis & Clark Expedition meeting the Flathead Indians at Ross' Hole in the western part of the State. The mural paintings in the lobby of the House of Representatives were executed by E. S. Paxon, of Missoula, Montana. They are six in number and all represent early matters of history, the subject of each being as follows: "Surrender of Chief Joseph," "After the Whiteman's Book," "The Border Land," "Pierre de la Verendrye," "Lewis at Black Eagle Falls," and "Lewis and Clark at Three Forks." The mural paintings which were placed in the Law Library were executed by Ralph De Camp, of Helena, Montana. They are six in number and all represent landscape scenery at different points in the State. The scenes represented by them are as follows: Lake McDermott in Glacier Park; The West Gallatin in Gallatin County; The Gate of the Mountains in Lewis & Clark County; Mission Creek on Flathead Reservation, Flathead County; The Bitter Root River in Ravalli County, and Early Placer Mining in Last Chance Gulch, Lewis & Clark County.

Acknowledgement is made of the great assistance and saving rendered to the State by the Northern Pacific Railway, the Great Northern Railway, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway, in the construction of the additions in giving

the State good service in shipment of all freight and reduced charges on such shipments. Reduced rates or rebates on freight charges are permitted under the Inter-State Commerce Law on shipments made for the construction of public buildings, and these railroad companies accorded to the State the benefit of the exception thus allowed by law. The saving thus made amounted to the sum of \$5,525.77 and enabled the Board to provide greater values for the amount expended.

As the work neared completion it became apparent from actual test that the old smoke stack at the power house was not of adequate capacity for the heating system and this occasioned work and expenditures not theretofore contemplated. From all information which the Board had been able to secure from the architects and contractors prior to August, 1912, the Board felt confident that the heating plant provided for by the specifications would be entirely adequate and that no change in the smoke stack would be necessitated. The height of the east addition and its proximity to the old stack has shut off the draft to considerable extent and thus the construction of a new stack was found necessary.

In August a contract was let on the recommendation of Architects Link & Haire to the Carl Weber Company, of Chicago, Illinois, upon plans and specifications submitted and approved by said architects. So much delay was occasioned in commencing this work, that the Board instituted investigation, and on November 19, 1912, for the first time learned that the Carl Weber Co., had become insolvent and that it had attempted to make an assignment of its contract to the Weber Company, of Chicago, and that this situation was accountable for the fact that the work was not started earlier. This action, on the part of the Carl Weber Company, was not satisfactory to the Board, and therefore, on November 20th, 1912, its contract with the State was revoked, and on the 25th day of November, 1912, contract was made and entered into with the Weber Company, of Chicago, for the construction of the smoke stack. The Board appreciated that this was not the best season of the year to erect a concrete smoke stack, however, the necessity therefor appeared great and the contract was executed upon condition that a five-year maintenance bond should be furnished by said Company. It is to be hoped that the stack will be complete by the first of the year so that the Legislative Assembly and other occupants of the building will

not in any way suffer inconvenience because of the lack of sufficient heat and ventilation.

On the 26th day of August, 1911, and during the progress of this construction work, Secretary of State, A. N. Yoder, who was a member of this Board, died. He had at all times exhibited the keenest interest in the work, and his untimely death was felt as a distinct loss to the State and to the Board. His services were untiring and his high character and integrity is best proven by his official record in connection with the construction of the additions and other official duties devolving upon him during his tenure of office. He was succeeded by the Honorable T. M. Swindlehurst, of Livingston, and since then the work has continued with Mr. Swindlehurst as a member of the Board, pleasantly and satisfactorily.

The following is a statement of account showing the amount available to this Board for the construction work, furnishing and decoration of the additions to the Capitol together with a statement of expenditures:

CONSTRUCTION CAPITOL WINGS, ETC., UP TO DECEMBER 17, 1912.

Receipts.

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| Proceeds Capitol Building Bonds, 2nd issue | \$500,000.00 |
| “ “ “ “ 3rd issue | 150,000.00 |

Expenditures.

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| Excavations | \$ 5,043.10 |
| Foundations | 13,109.00 |
| Gagnon & Co., General Contract | 304,125.00 |
| Gagnon & Co., Extras | 6,612.32 |
| Kain & Sons, Granite | 192,320.00 |
| F. E. Baker & Co | 2,582.75 |
| Elevator | 4,412.00 |
| Electric Fixtures | 9,496.50 |
| Hardware | 2,097.01 |
| Hennessy Company, Furniture and Decorations | 48,900.93 |
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| Mural Paintings | 8,362.00 |
| Counters, etc., Treasurer's office..... | 2,515.80 |
| Vault Fixtures, Treasurer's office..... | 6,485.00 |
| Architect's Fees | 27,228.74 |
| Superintendent Construction, expense.. | 3,907.33 |
| Advertising | 2,977.71 |

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| Expenses of Board | 1,448.74 | |
| Restaurant and Furnishings | 6,087.55 | |
| Morreau & Co., Electric Fixtures..... | 578.50 | |
| Paid on Chimney Contract | 1,453.32 | |
| • Outstanding. | | |
| Gagnon & Company | \$ 1,967.04 | |
| Kain & Sons | 500.00 | |
| Link & Haire, Architects' Fees | 1,574.74 | |
| Intercommunicating Telephones (Court Chambers) | 293.00 | |
| Chimney Contract, remainder to be paid | 726.68 | |
| Due for chimney connections | 200.00 | |
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| | \$656,512.99 | |
| Less | | |
| Freight Refunds | \$5,525.77 | |
| Transfer from appropriation for furnishing Law Libra- ry, acct' moving library.. | 1,000.00 | 6,525.77 |
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| | \$649,987.22 | |
| Balance Transferred to Capitol Build- ing and sinking fund | 12.78 | |
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| | \$650,000.00 | \$650,000.00 |

Since the work is now fully complete, this brief summary of the work is respectfully submitted for your examination and consideration, and should any persons desire to inquire more in detail with reference to the work and contracts in connection therewith, an inspection of the contracts upon file in the office of the Secretary of State, and of the minutes and correspondence of the proceedings of the Board on file in the office of this Board, and that of the Attorney General, is respectfully invited.

Yours respectfully,

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS,

By EDWIN L. NORRIS,

President.

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.

T. M. SWINDLEHURST,

Secretary of State.



